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Re: Respondent's Answering Briefs in Coupled Products, 25-CA-031883, et al.

Dear Mr. Stites and Ms. Knipstein:

This letter acknowledges receipt of the Respondent's Answering Briefs to the Union's and Acting General Counsel's Exceptions to the Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in the above-mentioned case. The answering briefs were electronically filed with the Office of the Executive Secretary on August 2, 2012.

Section 102.111(b) of the Board's Rules and Regulations specifies that briefs in any proceeding must be received by the Board before the official closing time of the receiving office on the last day of the time limit. In the event that a party chooses to electronically file the briefs, or any other papers, in a proceeding, the Agency will accept electronic filings up to 11:59 p.m. in the local time zone of the receiving office on the due date. The terms for electronic filing are posted on the Agency's website.

The Respondent's answering briefs were due in this case on August 1, 2012. Because the Respondent chose to electronically file this brief, it was due prior to 11:59 p.m. (EST) in the Office of the Executive Secretary. The Agency's records reflect that the Respondent's answering briefs were actually received in the Office of the Executive Secretary at 3:09 a.m. and 4:33 a.m. (EST) on Thursday, August 2, 2012. Therefore, the Respondent's answering briefs are untimely, and will not forwarded to the Board for consideration.

Very truly yours

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Associate Executive Secretary

cc: Parties